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COLD STORAGE HIGHLIGHTS
JANUARY 31, 2011

Apples in cold storage reported by cold storage warehouses for Pennsylvania totaled 3,432,000 bushels on January 31, 2011, compared to 4,342,000 bushels on January 31, 2010. The three largest varieties in storage on January 31, 2011 were: York, 988,500 bushels; Golden Delicious, 889,500 bushels; and Rome, 720,000 bushels.

Total apple stocks in Pennsylvania totaled 144,144,000 pounds on January 31, 2011, compared to 182,343,000 pounds on January 31, 2010.

SOURCE: ***Cold Storage,*** 3:00 p.m., February 22, 2011, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA; available at nass.usda.gov.

Pennsylvania Apples In Cold Storage (Bushels), January 2011

Variety	January 31, 2010					January 31, 2011				
	Fresh Market [1]		Processing		Total	Fresh Market [1]		Processing		Total
	Reg.	C.A.	Reg.	C.A.		Reg.	C.A.	Reg.	C.A.	
	Bushels									
Braeburn	5,000	0	0	0	5,000	2,000	0	0	0	2,000
Cortland	500	0	500	0	1,000	0	1,000	0	0	1,000
Empire	16,500	61,000	15,500	0	93,000	1,500	30,500	1,000	0	33,000
Fuji	81,000	25,000	34,000	12,500	152,500	11,000	113,000	18,500	9,000	151,500
Gala	8,500	32,500	1,000	0	42,000	3,000	7,500	1,000	3,000	14,500
Golden Delicious	83,500	205,000	595,000	446,000	1,329,500	12,500	244,000	172,000	461,000	889,500
Granny Smith	500	0	7,500	123,000	131,000	9,500	2,000	44,500	3,000	59,000
Idared	3,500	1,500	48,500	24,500	78,000	1,000	1,500	11,500	40,000	54,000
Jonagold	8,500	36,000	70,000	0	114,500	2,500	8,000	2,000	0	12,500
Jonathan	0	0	5,500	2,500	8,000	0	0	0	0	0
McIntosh	1,500	8,500	2,500	2,000	14,500	500	6,500	0	3,500	10,500
Mutsu/Crispin	500	0	30,000	3,500	34,000	1,000	0	1,000	0	2,000
Northern Spy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pink Lady	2,000	1,000	0	0	3,000	12,000	9,500	0	0	21,500
Red Delicious	31,000	407,000	84,000	61,500	583,500	17,000	234,000	77,500	59,500	388,000
Rome	22,000	20,500	386,000	355,000	783,500	4,500	34,500	224,000	457,000	720,000
Rome Sport	3,000	3,000	59,000	500	65,500	1,500	1,000	13,000	500	16,000
Spartan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stayman	2,500	500	6,500	0	9,500	1,500	1,500	9,000	0	12,000
Winesap	500	0	0	0	500	0	0	0	0	0
York	8,500	0	344,000	478,000	830,500	500	0	501,000	487,000	988,500
All Other Varieties	4,500	8,500	43,000	1,000	57,000	6,000	11,000	25,000	0	42,000
Not Segregated	2,000	0	3,500	0	5,500	2,000	2,500	6,000	4,000	14,500
All Varieties	**285,500**	**810,000**	**1,736,000**	**1,510,000**	**4,341,500**	**89,500**	**708,000**	**1,107,000**	**1,527,500**	**3,432,000**

[1] Includes total quantities on hand; graded and ungraded, packed or loose on the last day of the month specified.

SOURCE: ***Cold Storage,*** 3:00 p.m., February 22, 2011, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA; available at www.nass.usda.gov.

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS, SELECTED COMMODITIES, FEBRUARY 2011

Commodity	Unit	Pennsylvania			United States		
		Feb 2010	Jan 2011	Feb 2011 [1]	Feb 2010	Jan 2011	Feb 2011 [1]
				Dollars			
Corn	Bu.	3.89	6.34	7.01	3.55	4.94	5.66
Soybeans [2]	Bu.	-	-	-	9.41	11.60	12.10
Wheat, Winter [2]	Bu.	-	-	-	4.53	6.37	8.13
Oats	Bu.	3.67	4.31	4.55	2.30	3.11	3.38
Barley [2]	Bu.	-	-	-	4.53	3.85	4.36
Hay, Dry All	Ton	123.00	119.00	128.00	104.00	112.00	116.00
Dry Alfalfa	Ton	153.00	153.00	163.00	110.00	121.00	127.00
Dry Other	Ton	115.00	110.00	113.00	93.00	95.30	93.90
Apples, Fresh Use	Lb.	0.263	(S)	0.214	0.289	0.297	0.285
Cows, Slaughter	Cwt.	48.70	[6]	[6]	51.70	65.00	71.20
Calves	Cwt.	96.00	[6]	[6]	113.00	136.00	136.00
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	82.90	[6]	[6]	90.50	110.00	109.00
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt.	47.10	[5]	[5]	48.90	56.70	62.60
Sows	Cwt.	51.90	[5]	[5]	49.20	47.80	50.90
Sheep	Cwt.	69.00	[6]	[6]	54.80	81.90	-
Lambs	Cwt.	125.00	[6]	[6]	106.00	149.00	-
Eggs [3]	Doz.	-	-	-	0.775	0.660	0.776
Milk, All	Cwt.	18.10	18.90	19.80	15.90	16.70	18.40
Fluid Grade	Cwt.	18.10	[7]	[7]	[7]	[7]	[7]
Manufactured Grade	Cwt.	[7]	[7]	[7]	[7]	[7]	[7]
Milk Cows [4]	Head	-	1,400.00	-	-	1,300.00	-

[1] Preliminary. [2] Pennsylvania price not published on monthly basis, average price is published annually. [3] PA is no longer publishing monthly market egg price. [4] Quarterly (Jan., Apr., Jul, Oct.) [5] December 2010, State level sow, barrow & gilt, and all hog prices will be discontinued. [6] January 2011, State level cows, calves, steers & heifers, beef cattle, sheep and lamb prices will be discontinued. [7] January 2011, State and United States level fluid grade and manufacturing grade milk prices will no longer be published. (S) Insufficient data.
SOURCE: ***Agricultural Prices***, 3:00 p.m., February 28, 2011, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA; available at www.nass.usda.gov.

SPECIAL NOTE

Beginning with January 2011, State level sheep and lamb prices will be discontinued. Sheep and Lamb prices for the United States will be published based on data provided by the United States Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service.

FEBRUARY FARM PRICES RECEIVED INDEX INCREASED 4 POINTS

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in February, at 168 percent, based on 1990-1992=100, increased 4 points (2.4 percent) from January. The Crop Index is up 12 points (6.5 percent) and the Livestock Index increased 4 points (2.9 percent). Producers received higher prices for corn, wheat, lettuce, and milk and lower prices for strawberries, cattle, broilers, and broccoli. In addition to prices, the overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities producers sell. Increased monthly marketings of milk, cattle, broilers, and hogs offset decreased marketings of corn, soybeans, wheat, and cotton.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 33 points (24 percent) from February 2010. The Food Commodities Index, at 163, increased 5 points (3.2 percent) from last month and increased 29 points (22 percent) from February 2010.

Feed grains & hay: The February index is 233, up 11 percent from last month and 52 percent above a year ago. The corn price, at $5.66 per bushel, is up 72 cents from last month and $2.11 above February 2010. The all hay price, at $116.00 per ton, increased $4.00 from January and $12.00 from last February.

Livestock and products: The February index, at 141, is 2.9 percent above last month and up 15 percent from February 2010. Compared with a year ago, prices are higher for cattle, milk, hogs, calves, turkeys, and eggs. Prices for broilers are lower than last year.

Dairy products: The February index, at 141, is up 10 percent from a month ago and 16 percent higher than February last year. The February all milk price of $18.40 cents per cwt increased $1.70 from last month and $2.50 from February 2010.

SOURCE: ***Agricultural Prices***, 3:00 p.m., February 28, 2011, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA; available at www.nass.usda.gov.

HONEY PRODUCTION

Pennsylvania honey production in 2010 (from producers with five or more hives) totaled 1,110,000 pounds, up 270,000 pounds from 2009. There were an estimated 30,000 colonies statewide, which was up 9,000 colonies from the previous year. The average yield was 37 pounds per colony compared to 40 pounds in 2009. Total stocks of honey, as of December 15, 2010, were 377,000 pounds, 58,000 pounds more than the previous year.

Honey producers in Pennsylvania received an average price of 205 cents per pound for the 2010 crop. Total value of honey produced in 2010 is estimated at 2,276,000 dollars for Pennsylvania production.

Nationally, honey production in 2010 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 176 million pounds, up 20 percent from 2009. There were 2.68 million colonies producing honey in 2010, up 7 percent from 2009. Yield per colony averaged 65.5 pounds, up 12 percent from the 58.6 pounds in 2009. Colonies which produced honey in more than one State were counted in each State where the honey was produced. Therefore, at the United States level yield per colony may be understated, but total production would not be impacted. Colonies were not included if honey was not harvested. Producer honey stocks were 45.3 million pounds on December 15, 2010, up 21 percent from a year earlier. Stocks held by producers exclude those held under the commodity loan program.

Honey prices increased to a record high during 2010 to 160.3 cents per pound, up 9 percent from 147.3 cents per pound in 2009. United States and State level prices reflect the portions of honey sold through cooperatives, private, and retail channels. Prices for each color class are derived by weighting the quantities sold for each marketing channel. Prices for the 2009 crop reflect honey sold in 2009 and 2010. Some 2009 crop honey was sold in 2010, which caused some revisions to the 2009 crop prices.

SOURCE: ***Honey***, 3:00 p.m., February 25, 2011, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA; available at www.nass.usda.gov.

TROUT PRODUCTION

Pennsylvania's trout growers produced trout valued at $16.9 million in 2010. Commercial trout producers sold 1.59 million pounds of trout, valued at $5.2 million during 2010, ranking third nationally behind Idaho and North Carolina. Pennsylvania farmers also produced trout valued at $11.7 million for conservation and recreational purposes.

Pennsylvania remains first for the value of trout distributed for conservation and recreational purposes, ahead of California's $11.4 million. Pennsylvania accounts for 11.2 percent of the nation's distributed trout value. These trout were produced primarily by the state fish commission, its cooperative nurseries, and private fishing clubs. These conservation related producers grew 55,000 fish 12 inches or longer, and 4.5 million 6-12" fish, compared to 4.2 million 6-12" fish a year ago.

Sales of food fish trout 12 inches or longer in Pennsylvania totaled 1.3 million pounds. Averaging $3.13 per pound, compared to $2.87 last year and $1.39 nationally. The 12 inch and larger trout were valued at $3.98 million.

Sales of food fish trout 6 to 12 inches long by Pennsylvania growers totaled 660,000 fish or 304,000 pounds live weight during 2010. This was up 15,000 lbs from the same period a year ago. They were sold at an average of $3.55 a pound, which is down $0.59/lb from last year. Six to twelve inch trout in Pennsylvania were valued at $1.1 million.

Sales of trout 1 to 6 inches long by Pennsylvania growers totaled 380,000 fish or 11,000 pounds live weight during 2010. These fish were sold at an average of $514 per thousand fish, compared to $367.00 last year and $218.00 nationally. Total sales of 1 to 6 inch trout were valued at $195,000. Total losses of all Pennsylvania trout intended for sale were 1,390,000 fish during 2010 or 180,000 pounds of fish.

Nationally, the total value of fish sales received by trout growers in the United States totaled 71.3 million dollars for 2010, a decrease of 5 percent from 2009. Idaho accounted for 49 percent of the total value of fish sold.

The number of trout 12 inches and longer sold during 2010 totaled 38.7 million fish, down 5 percent from the previous year. The average price per pound was $1.39, up 1 cent from 2009. The value of sales for the 2010 marketing year was 63.1 million dollars, down 6 percent from 2009. For trout 12 inches or longer, 64 percent were sold to processors and 17 percent were sold for recreational stocking.

The number of 6"- 12" trout sold during 2010 totaled 5.27 million fish, a decrease of 5 percent from 2009. The average price per pound was $3.14 during 2010, up 26 cents from the 2009 price. The total value of sales was 6.34 million dollars during 2010, a 4 percent decrease from the previous year. The major sales outlets for 6"-12" trout were for recreational stocking accounting for 50 percent of total sales, followed by wholesale to other producers with 22 percent.

The number of 1"- 6" trout sold during 2010 totaled 8.78 million, a 26 percent increase from the previous year. The average value per 1,000 fish was $218 during 2010, down from $232 in 2009. The total value of sales was 1.92 million dollars, up 18 percent from last year's total.

Trout distributed for restoration, conservation, and recreational purposes, primarily by State and Federal hatcheries, included 8.3 million 12" or longer fish, 65.0 million 6"- 12" fish, and 80.7 million 1"-6" fish. The estimated value of fish distributed totaled 104.2 million dollars, up 4 percent from 2009.

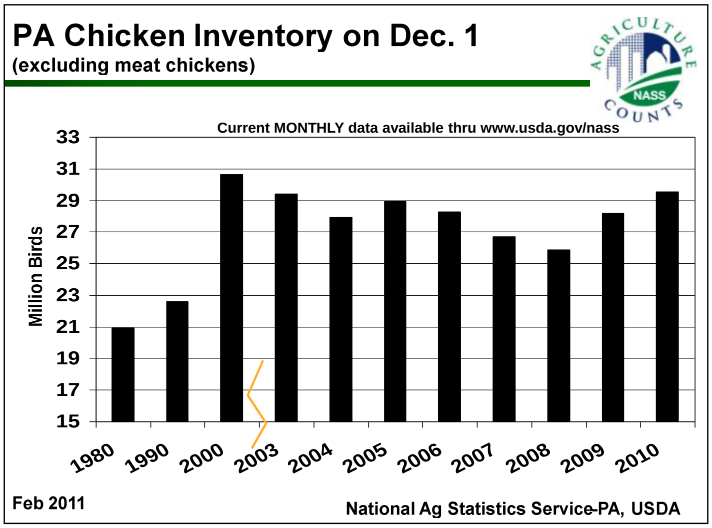
Total losses of all trout intended for sale were 18.4 million fish during 2010. Disease accounted for 80 percent of these losses, followed by predators, which totaled 9 percent.

ANNUAL EGG PRODUCTION & CHICKEN INVENTORY, PENNSYLVANIA & US, 2009-2010 [1]

Production & Inventory	Pennsylvania			United States		
	2009	2010	2010/09	2009	2010	2010/09
			Percent			*Percent*
Egg Production (Million)	6,543	6,976	106	90,484	91,398	101
Average Number of Layers (000)	22,711	23,889	105	337,848	339,961	101
Rate of Lay/Layer	288	292	101	268	269	100
December 1 Inventory:						
Hens & Pullets of Laying Age (000)	23,423	25,033	107	341,005	342,451	100
Total Pullets (000)	4,665	4,411	95	102,301	104,665	102
Other Chickens (000)	111	106	95	8,487	7,390	87
Total (000)	28,199	29,550	105	451,793	454,506	101

[1] For egg production, marketing year ends November 30.

SOURCE: ***Chicken & Eggs 2009 Summary***, 3:00 p.m., February 25, 2011, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA; available at www.nass.usda.gov.



MONTHLY POULTRY SUMMARY

Item	Unit	Pennsylvania			United States		
		Jan 2010	Dec 2010	Jan 2011	Jan 2010	Dec 2010	Jan 2011
Layers	Thous.	23,714	25,158	25,246	340,596	342,661	342,017
Eggs Per 100 Layers	Number	2,471	2,488	2,464	2,268	2,311	2,289
Eggs Produced	Million	586	626	622	7,724	7,920	7,828
Chick Hatch-Broiler Type	Thous.	13,975	14,313	14,506	775,615	785,649	781,123
Chick Hatch-Egg Type [1]	Thous.	-	-	-	38,794	37,845	41,366
Turkey Poults Placed	Thous.	-	-	-	21,833	22,596	22,925

[1] State level data for egg-type chicks hatched will no longer be published.

SOURCES: ***Chickens and Eggs***, 3:00 p.m., February 28, 2011, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA; available at www.nass.usda.gov.
Turkey Hatchery, 3:00 p.m., February 16, 2011, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA; available at www.nass.usda.gov.

ANNUAL EGG PRODUCTION

Annual egg production in Pennsylvania for the 2010 production year was 6.98 billion eggs, up 7 percent from the 6.54 billion produced in 2009. There was an average of 23.9 million layers in the commonwealth during the 12-month period, up 5 percent from the previous year. Average annual production per layer was 292 eggs, up 1 percent from 2009.

All chicken inventory (excluding commercial broilers) as of December 1, 2010 totaled 29.6 million, up 5 percent from the 28.2 million one year earlier. Total chicken inventory on December 1, 2010 included 25.0 million layers, 4.4 million pullets, and 106 thousand other chickens, up 7 percent, down 5 percent, and down 5 percent respectively.

The average value per bird in Pennsylvania on hand December 1, 2010 was $2.90, up 12 percent from a year ago. The total value of all flocks in the commonwealth on December 1, 2010 was 85.70 million dollars, up 17 percent from the 73.32 million dollars in 2009.

Nationally, egg production during the year ending November 30, 2010 totaled 91.4 billion eggs, up 1 percent from 2009. Table egg production, at 78.5 billion eggs, was up 1 percent from the previous year. Hatching egg production, at 12.9 billion eggs, was up 1 percent from 2009. Layer numbers during 2010 averaged 340 million, up 1 percent from the year earlier. The annual average production per layer on hand in 2010 was 269 eggs, up slightly from 2009. The total number of chickens on hand on December 1, 2010 (excluding commercial broilers) was 455 million birds, up 1 percent from last year. The total value of all chickens on December 1, 2010 was $1.60 billion, up 6 percent from December 1, 2009. The average value increased from $3.34 per bird on December 1, 2009, to $3.52 per bird on December 1, 2010.

SOURCE: ***Chickens and Eggs 2011 Summary***, 3:00 p.m., February 28, 2011, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA; available at www.nass.usda.gov.

JANUARY EGG PRODUCTION

Egg production in Pennsylvania during January 2011 totaled 622 million eggs, up 6 percent from the 586 million eggs produced in January 2010, according to the Pennsylvania Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. The total number of layers averaged 25.2 million during January, a 6 percent increase from last year. Production per 100 layers was 2,464 eggs during the month, a decrease of 7 eggs overall from January 2010. Broiler-type chicks hatched in Pennsylvania totaled 14.5 million during January 2011, a 4 percent increase from the number hatched in the same month a year earlier.

U.S. egg production totaled 7.83 billion during January 2011, up 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.75 billion table eggs, and 1.08 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.01 billion were broiler-type and 70 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during January 2011 averaged 342 million, up slightly from last year. January egg production per 100 layers was 2,289 eggs, up 1 percent from January 2010.

Egg-type chicks hatched during January 2011 totaled 41.4 million, up 7 percent from January 2010. Broiler-type chicks hatched during January 2011 totaled 781 million, up 1 percent from January 2010. There were 22.9 million net poults placed during January 2011 in the United States, up 5 percent from the number placed during the same month a year earlier.

SOURCE: ***Chickens and Eggs***, 3:00 p.m., February 28, 2011, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA; available at www.nass.usda.gov.

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